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**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**ADJUTANT GENERAL.**

## REPORT

GENERAL HEAD-QUARTERS STATE OF ARKANSAS,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
LITTLE ROCK, *December 31, 1870.*

*To His Excellency, POWELL CLAYTON, Governor and Commander-in-Chief:*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following reports from the departments of the Adjutant General, Chief of Ordnance, Quartermaster General, and Paymaster General, from the time I was ordered upon duty, in each department to the 31st December, 1870.

By virtue of an appointment from your Excellency, I assumed charge of the Adjutant General's office July 14, 1868. At that time there existed no State militia organization whatever, and the new State government operated so feebly in the face of the strong resistance made to it by those of the people who had but recently discontinued armed hostility to the authority of the Federal Government, that its friends were fearful of its efficiency, and its enemies openly declared that no government existed which they would respect or recognize in any way whatever. This position was maintained by them to an extent which completely obstructed the operation of civil government in at least one-third of all the counties in the State.

I submit to your Excellency that at that time, with the powers and force at your command, you were utterly unable to see that the laws were executed, or that the authority of the State government commanded even a semblance of respect from a large class of the inhabitants in many counties.

In view of these facts, and under the provisions of the militia law passed by the first General Assembly, active measures were taken to organize a force of State guards at the earliest time possible.

July 22, 1868, the State was divided into ten military districts, and a mustering and inspecting officer placed on duty in each district. These officers were relieved September 30, 1868, at which date there were thirty-seven companies organized with an aggregate number of about sixteen hundred men. These companies had been organized in the face of opposition so bitter and dangerous, that it had resulted in the death, by assassination, of three officers and twelve men.

November 7, 1868, the original ten districts were abolished and the State divided into four military districts—General Robert F. Catterson commanding the district of the Southwest, General Sam. Mallory district of the Southeast, General D. P. Upham district of the Northeast and General Thomas J. Hunt the district of the Northwest.

Generals Catterson, Mallory and Upham were ordered to occupy, without delay, the counties in their respective districts which your Excellency had declared to be under martial law.

The operations of the militia under these orders continued during the next three months, and necessitated the calling into service of an aggregate force of two thousand men.

At the time civil law was restored and the militia relieved from active duty, there were organized sixty-eight companies of State Guards, with an aggregate strength of forty-seven hundred men. Since then companies have been raised in several counties where it was impossible to organize them before.

For an exhibit of the present numerical strength of the State Guard, your attention is respectfully called to the accompanying table "A."

I do not deem it necessary to increase the present strength of the organization, and in recommending the forming of new companies during the past year, I have only done so in

counties where there were no companies organized. My aim has been to reduce the strength of the Guard to about four thousand, officers and men, and have one company in each county.

In the last organization of the State Guard there were commissions issued to many officers who were afterward found to have no commands. These officers, to the number of forty-two, have been mustered out of the service in special orders.

For reason of the sparseness of population in this State, it is almost impracticable to maintain regimental organizations, and is found necessary to have each company commander report direct to headquarters at Little Rock, from the fact that the means of communication are better and quicker to all parts of the State from that point.

For this State I believe the present military law to be as good as any that could be made.

I respectfully invite your Excellency's attention to my report as acting Paymaster General, with the hope that you will recommend to the General Assembly that an appropriation be made to pay the State Guards the balance due them for services rendered during martial law, and to pay them for services on general muster day.

No provisions are made for paying officers and men for their services on muster day. In all other States where they have an organized militia, the members are paid when on duty at encampments and musters. In this State many members of the State Guard are compelled to go twenty or thirty miles to the place of muster; they certainly have a right to demand that they be paid for the time. Several entire companies, which were kept on active duty away from their homes for one, two and three months during martial law, are yet unpaid.

Your Excellency is aware that no system of fines can be put into effect in the militia of this State, by which a military fund could be raised, owing to a provision in the State constitution devoting all fines to the school fund; consequently, the State Guard can look for aid nowhere except to the General Assembly.

It seems certain to me that that Honorable body will appreciate the importance of maintaining the organization of the State Guard, when it considers the physical and moral support which it gives to the civil authorities, and the services which it rendered the State during martial law.

**ABSTRACT A of Muster and Inspection Rolls for the year  
1870, by company.**

| County.         | Commissioned<br>Off-<br>cers. | Non-Commissioned<br>Officers. | Privates. | Total. | County.          | Commissioned<br>Off-<br>cers. | Non-Commissioned<br>Officers. | Privates. | Total. |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Ashley .....    | 3                             | 9                             | 40        | 52     | do .....         | 1                             | 15                            | 84        | 100    |
| Arkansas* ..    | 2                             | 10                            | 86        | 98     | Madison. ....    | 3                             | 14                            | 43        | 50     |
| do *            | 1                             | 10                            | 85        | 96     | do *             | 3                             |                               | 54        | 57     |
| do *            | 3                             | 9                             | 86        | 98     | Marion .....     | 3                             | 13                            | 57        | 73     |
| Benton* .....   | 3                             | 8                             | 35        | 46     | Mississippi. .   | 2                             | 9                             | 52        | 63     |
| Bradley .....   | 3                             | 9                             | 67        | 79     | do .....         | 3                             | 9                             | 54        | 66     |
| Boone .....     | 3                             | 16                            | 66        | 85     | Monroe* .....    | 3                             |                               | 87        | 90     |
| Clark .....     | 3                             | 10                            | 43        | 56     | Montgomery       | 3                             | 7                             | 55        | 65     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 13                            | 89        | 105    | do .....         | 3                             | 14                            | 27        | 44     |
| Columbia .....  | 2                             | 1                             | 22        | 25     | Newton* .....    | 3                             |                               | 92        | 95     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 13                            | 55        | 71     | Perry* .....     | 3                             |                               | 97        | 100    |
| do .....        | 3                             | 13                            | 66        | 82     | do .....         | 2                             | 1                             | 60        | 63     |
| do .....        | 2                             |                               | 62        | 64     | Phillips .....   | 2                             | 13                            | 60        | 73     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 1                             | 45        | 49     | Pike .....       | 3                             | 16                            | 34        | 53     |
| Conway .....    | 3                             | 14                            | 51        | 68     | do .....         | 3                             | 16                            | 59        | 78     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 15                            | 64        | 82     | Poinsett. ....   | 3                             | 9                             | 38        | 50     |
| Craighead ...   | 2                             | 10                            | 45        | 57     | Polk .....       | 3                             | 11                            | 22        | 36     |
| Crawford. ....  | 3                             | 9                             | 47        | 59     | do .....         | 3                             | 11                            | 44        | 58     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 1                             | 49        | 53     | Pulaski .....    | 3                             | 13                            | 68        | 84     |
| Cross* .....    | 3                             |                               | 40        | 43     | do .....         | 2                             | 7                             | 46        | 55     |
| Drew .....      | 3                             | 7                             | 35        | 45     | Randolph .....   | 3                             |                               | 42        | 45     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 12                            | 57        | 72     | do .....         | 3                             |                               | 65        | 68     |
| Fulton .....    | 3                             | 12                            | 77        | 92     | St. Francis. ... | 1                             | 13                            | 64        | 78     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 11                            | 32        | 46     | Scott. ....      | 3                             | 10                            | 69        | 82     |
| Green .....     | 3                             | 14                            | 53        | 70     | do .....         | 3                             | 11                            | 56        | 70     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 14                            | 81        | 98     | Searcy .....     | 3                             | 8                             | 96        | 107    |
| do .....        | 3                             | 13                            | 52        | 68     | Sebastian ...    | 3                             | 16                            | 59        | 78     |
| Hempstead ..    | 3                             | 13                            | 88        | 104    | do .....         | 3                             | 11                            | 50        | 64     |
| Hot Springs..   | 3                             | 7                             | 53        | 63     | Sharp .....      | 3                             | 1                             | 61        | 65     |
| do .....        | 1                             | 9                             | 100       | 110    | Union .....      | 3                             | 8                             | 85        | 96     |
| Independence    | 3                             | 13                            | 70        | 86     | Washingt'n* ..   | 3                             |                               | 31        | 34     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 8                             | 34        | 45     | do* .....        | 3                             |                               | 39        | 42     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 5                             | 64        | 72     | do* .....        | 3                             |                               | 34        | 37     |
| Izard .....     | 3                             | 10                            | 74        | 87     | White .....      | 3                             | 8                             | 43        | 54     |
| do .....        | 3                             | 8                             | 42        | 53     | Woodruff. ....   | 1                             | 13                            | 94        | 108    |
| Jackson. ....   | 3                             | 9                             | 80        | 92     | do .....         | 2                             | 8                             | 59        | 69     |
| Jefferson ..... | 3                             | 14                            | 58        | 75     | do .....         | 3                             | 13                            | 85        | 101    |
| Johnson .....   | 3                             | 12                            | 63        | 78     | Yell .....       | 3                             |                               | 30        | 33     |
| Lawrence ....   | 3                             | 8                             | 68        | 79     |                  |                               |                               |           |        |
| Little River..  | 2                             | 16                            | 78        | 96     | Total .....      | 214                           | 674                           | 4597      | 5485   |

\*Companies with this mark did not muster on last muster-day.

## REPORT OF THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

I was given the charge of this department at the organization of the present State government, at which time the State had no ordnance or ordnance stores whatever.

Before your Excellency was inaugurated, I had forwarded, by your directions, to the Secretary of War, an estimate of ordnance and ordnance stores which would be needed by this State; and immediately after your inauguration, requisitions for the same, duly signed by yourself, were sent to Washington, and telegraphic dispatches were sent, urging the necessity of furnishing the arms.

These efforts were fruitless. No arms were furnished by the general government.

In September, efforts were made to purchase arms for the State by private individuals. Four thousand stand of muskets were obtained in that way, but were captured *en route* by Memphis Ku-Klux, and thrown into the Mississippi river.

In October, another attempt was made, which resulted in our obtaining one hundred breech-loading Remington rifles, purchased in New York city.

During the campaign made by the State Guards in 1868 and 1869, they had none but their own private arms, comprising shot-guns, rifles, muskets and pistols.

In May, 1870, I received arms amounting in value to \$10,611, the quota of arms and ammunition to which this State was entitled under the law of Congress for arming and equipping the militia.

I respectfully refer your Excellency to the following statement:

List of ordnance and ordnance stores belonging to the State of Arkansas, December 3, 1870:

100 breech loading Remington rifles.

300 breech loading Springfield muskets.

167 Springfield rifled muskets, repaired.

467 bayonet scabbards.

467 cartridge boxes and plates.

467 gun slings.

467 waist belts and plates.

467 cartridge boxes, belts and plates.

15,000 United States center-primed cartridges, No. 50.

8,350 elongated-ball cartridges, No. 58.

The ordnance stores enumerated above are new, and are deposited in the magazine at the United States Arsenal at this place, except the Remington rifles, which are in the charge of Captain Ed. Webster, Commanding Governor's Guards.

#### REPORT OF THE PAY DEPARTMENT.

By your Excellency's orders, I relieved Brigadier General Stephen Wheeler in this department, May 1, 1869.

By referring to the annexed abstract "A," you will ascertain the condition of affairs at that time in the Paymaster General's Department, as taken from the records turned over to me by General Wheeler.

You will observe that there has been appropriated to pay the militia, for services rendered while on active duty by the Governor's orders, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and ten thousand dollars for the purpose of organizing the State Guards and militia.

The entire amount of these appropriations was used in defraying the expenses of the campaign during martial law, with the exception of four thousand dollars paid the mustering officers who were sent out to organize the State Guard in 1868.

Thus it will be seen that four thousand dollars is all that has ever been used in the organization of the militia, and that since April, 1869, there has been no provision for defraying any expenses whatever of the military department of the State.

I respectfully call your attention to Abstract "B," which gives the amount yet due the State Guard for services rendered during martial law.

The amount which would be required per annum to pay the State Guard for services on muster-day is about eight thousand dollars.

## ABSTRACT "A."

*The State of Arkansas in account with the Acting Paymaster General from July 14, 1868, to December 31, 1870.*

| DR.                                                                                     | CR.                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| To amount expended in paying troops as per Abstract Book and Vouchers..... \$136,544 17 | By amount appropriated July 23, 1868, to organize the State Guard and Militia.... \$10,000 00                            |
| To amount turned over to the Quartermaster General on his requisition. 16,310 17        | By amount appropriated December 19, 1868, to pay for services rendered by the Militia up to January 1, 1869... 75,000 00 |
| To amount turned over to the Commissary General on his requisition.. 6,597 40           | By amount appropriated February 13, 1869, to pay the Militia called into active service by the Governor..... 75,000 00   |
| To amount turned over to Brig. Gen. Keyes Danforth, April 30, 1869... 592 88            | By cash of Quartermaster General..... 44 57                                                                              |
| <u>\$160,044 57</u>                                                                     | <u>\$160,044 57</u>                                                                                                      |

## ABSTRACT "B."

*SHOWING the Companies, and amounts due them for services while on active duty by order of the Governor, in 1868 and 1869.*

| County.          | Company.                                   | Amount.            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Montgomery ..... | Captain Fred. K. Partains.....             | \$1,087 50         |
| Green.....       | " A. S. Hall.....                          | 507 00             |
| " .....          | " B. F. Crowley.....                       | 1,473 84           |
| " .....          | " E. R. Seeley.....                        | 1,460 33           |
| Woodruff.....    | " A. D. Blanchard, Detached.....           | 402 88             |
| Craighead.....   | " W. W. Nisbett.....                       | 3,196 26           |
| Poinsett .....   | " J. W. Kellough.....                      | 318 36             |
| Ashley .....     | " A. E. Davis.....                         | 46 50              |
| Izard .....      | " Lorenzo D. Toney.....                    | 2,107 04           |
| Bradley.....     | " E. L. McMurtry, (estimated)....          | 2,108 41           |
| Johnson.....     | " J. H. Lowe, (estimated).....             | 900 00             |
| Conway.....      | Use of horses in three companies(est.).... | 1,500 00           |
|                  | Officers unpaid.....                       | 2,000 00           |
|                  |                                            | <u>\$17,108 12</u> |

## REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

I relieved Gen. Wheeler in this department, April 30, 1869. On the 21st of July, 1869, in compliance with your instructions, I made a full report of the transactions of the Departments of the Quartermaster General and the Commissary General of Subsistence, embracing an account of all purchases and disbursements made in those departments since the organization of the present State government. You are respectfully referred to that report for the present condition of those departments.

You will observe that the total amount of purchases, taken from the returns on file in this office, of each officer in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's departments, is as follows:

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Quartermaster's stores.....               | \$40,454 48        |
| Subsistence stores.....                   | 22,180 19          |
| Clothing, camp and garrison equipage..... | 4,680 71           |
| Making total amount purchases.....        | <u>\$67,315 38</u> |

The total amount of money disbursed in these departments was as follows:

|                                                                                                                                        |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Quartermaster's Department.....                                                                                                        | \$16,310 17           |
| Commissary's Department.....                                                                                                           | 6,597 40              |
| Aggregrate amount of judgments rendered against the State, upon Quartermasters' vouchers, in the Pulaski County Circuit Court, is..... | 16,298 65—\$39,206 22 |
| Total amount of unpaid vouchers.....                                                                                                   | <u>\$28,109 16</u>    |

Since then I have given vouchers, whenever regular receipts were presented, made by officers or men serving in the militia.

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount of vouchers so given by me is..... | \$5,703 18 |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|

By special order No. 67, dated January 17, 1869, Major Wm. P. Coolidge was placed on active duty as Assistant Quartermaster, and ordered to proceed to the counties which had been under martial law and take up all receipts and irregular vouchers, giving regular vouchers in their places. Under these instructions Major Coolidge visited all the counties south of the Arkansas river, and gave vouchers to amount of.

27,097 92

|                                                                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Which leaves a total of outstanding vouchers to the amount of. | <u>\$60,910 26</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|

In addition to this there are probably outstanding, in the department which was commanded by Brigadier General D. P.

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Upham, regular receipts to the amount of..... | 30,000 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|

For which vouchers would be given if they were presented to this office.

This would make the total of outstanding indebtedness against  
the State, incurred by the giving of regular receipts by officers  
in the militia during martial law..... \$90,910 26  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,  
**KEYES DANFORTH,**  
*Adjutant General, Chief of Ordnance, Acting Paymaster General, Acting  
Quartermaster General, and Acting Commissary General.*

COMMUNICATIONS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,

August 10, 1870.

To the Governor of the State of Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark.

SIR, In compliance with section 2 of the act entitled: "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and to protect national cemeteries," approved July 1, 1870, requiring me to do so, I have the honor to inclose a copy of the act referred to, with the request that you make application, at as early a date as practicable, to the Legislature of your State for its consent to the purchase by or donation to the United States of the national soldiers' cemeteries at Little Rock, Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark.

I am, Governor, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. W. BELKNAP,

Secretary of War.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An act to establish and protect national cemeteries."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from the time any State Legislature shall have given, or shall hereafter give, the consent of such State to the purchase by the United States of any national cemetery mentioned in the act entitled "An act to establish and protect national cemeteries," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the jurisdiction and power of legislation of the United States over such cemetery shall in all courts and places be held to be the same as is granted by section eight, article one, of the Constitution of the United States; and all the provisions of said act of February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall be applicable to the same.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause copies of this present act to be sent to the Governors of all such States wherein any of such national cemeteries may be situated, to the end that the Legislatures of such States may give the consent herein mentioned.

Approved July 1, 1870.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY,

September 14, 1869.

SIR: Under authority of section 2 of the act of April 28, 1828, and upon the recommendation of the Honorable Attorney General, I have the honor to request that, at such time as you may deem proper, application be made to the State Legislature for its assent to the purchases of land already made by the United States, under the act of February 22, 1867, for the purposes of a national cemetery at Little Rock and at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and for the cession of exclusive legislation over the same, as required by section 8, article I of the Constitution of the United States; subject to the provisions of section 1 of the act of March 2, 1795.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. T. SHERMAN, *Secretary of War.*

*To his Excellency, the Governor of Arkansas.*